

## INAUGURAL PARADE MAY BE SHORTENED

Plan to Disburse Marchers at  
Nineteenth Street Is Being  
Considered.

"Can you find whether our guardsmen are coming back from the border in time to participate in the inaugural parade?"

This is the burden of a number of letters from governors of States to Col. Robert N. Harper, inaugural chairman. One received today was from Henry W. Keyes, governor of New Hampshire.

Inaugural officials are concentrating their efforts on getting the District guardsmen here for the march. Later they will endeavor to ascertain whether any of the militia from the States can be relieved from duty in time to participate in the ceremonies.

Confer on Parade.

Brig. Gen. C. A. Devo, who will assist General Scott in handling the great pageant, conferred with Colonel Harper today in regard to details of the march. It is probable that the line will be broken up at Nineteenth street this time, instead of at Washington Circle, as in years past.

General Scott and Devo and Colonel Harper will seek an appointment with Senator Overman early next week. Overman has charge of Senate arrangements for the taking of the oath of office by the President and the Vice President.

Contributions Received.

Arthur Peter, chairman of the finance committee, today announced the following contributions to the inaugural fund:

R. P. A. News Paper Company	\$1,000
W. P. Lipscomb & Co.	1,000
C. W. Semmes	1,000
William C. Eustis	500
Edward B. Dean	500
Julius G. Mankie	500
M. Goldberger	500
Hecht & Co.	250
Dulin & Martin	250
Kings Palace	200
George W. White	100
Emil Berliner	100
E. E. Allen	100
George Truesdell	100

Arrangements are being made by Colonel Harper today to have the news of the inauguration telephoned to Arlington, and from there wireless to the various parts of the world. Colonel Harper says he has received numerous suggestions to ward this end.

There will be but one regiment of Virginia militia here for the inauguration. Governor Stuart yesterday wrote Colonel Harper that practical all of the guardsmen of the Old Dominion are now going duty on the border. The cadets from the Virginia Military Institute will be here, he said.

Louisville Club Coming.

"The Moss Green Club," of Louisville, Ky., is coming to the inauguration in full force, the president has told the inaugural committee. South Dakota is not to be represented this year, the governor explaining that all of his troops are now on the border. Rhode Island is planning to send at least one regiment.

The District National Guardsmen, now in Texas and Arizona, are awaiting impatiently for word from the War Department which will tell them whether or not they are to be returned home in time to march in the parade. Colonel Harper received a letter today from "The Boys of the Third," at San Antonio, saying that "although we had abandoned all hope of being home before summer, we sincerely hope that you will succeed in your efforts to obtain our presence in the parade."

SUES TO RECOVER BONDS

Administrator Seeks Securities Deposited With Lewis Johnson & Co.

J. William Henry, William A. Mearns, and Benjamin Woodruff, individually and as former co-partners in the now bankrupt brokerage firm of Lewis Johnson & Co., were today ordered by Justice Stafford, presiding in probate division of the District Supreme Court to show cause why they should not be compelled to return to Albert Humphrey, administrator of the estate of R. T. Humphrey, war bonds of the Washington Gas Light Company of the par value of \$5,000.

Justice Stafford issued the rule following a petition made to the court by Attorney Louis Ottenberg in which it is alleged that the defendant Humphrey placed the bonds with the brokers several years ago for collection of interest. The bonds were appraised after his death, it is alleged, by court appraisers, who found them at the convention of the Washington Gas Light Company of the par value of \$5,000.

ALPHA DELTA PHI MEET

Graduate Association Plans to Attend Convention in Baltimore.

The annual meeting of the local graduate association of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity was held last night at the residence of Dr. Ralph Jenkins, the president.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Odell S. Smith, Wesleyan; vice president, Henry P. Blair, Dartmouth; secretary-treasurer, Frank B. Fox, Michigan; corresponding secretary, Newton R. Fox, Michigan; executive committee, William L. Clarke, of Wesleyan, and S. R. Capps, of Chicago.

A delegation from the Johns Hopkins chapter and its alumni came from Baltimore to urge the Washington association to attend in a body the coming general convention of the fraternity in that city. Hugh J. Jewett and Carlyle Barton outlined the preparations and plans which were being made, and promised many unusual features.

The convention will be held with headquarters at the Belvedere Hotel from February 21 to 24. Two speeches at the convention will be delivered by members of the Washington association.

## STEAL BOOTY TWICE

Break into Junk Shops to Get  
Stuff They Stole.

For many months petty thieves have been causing property owners annoyance and expense by breaking into vacant houses, stripping them of piping and fixtures and selling the loot to junk dealers.

Now they are broadening the scope of their work. They are breaking into the junk shops and stealing it over again.

Edward Ellison told the police today that his junk shop at 417 Third street southwest was entered sometime last night and solder and copper valued at \$50 stolen.

David Becker, proprietor of a junk shop at 1011 First street southeast, told the police that five colored men came to his place yesterday evening to sell some bottles, which he would not buy.

He refused to buy the bottles, he told the police, and two of the negroes grabbed him and demanded his money. One of them struck him, he said. When he began to shout for help he saw the five men without taking anything.

Becker told the police he could identify three of the men.

Police are looking for the fur coat of Arno Barbiere, with the National Grand Opera Company at Pantages Theater this week, which was reported stolen from the theater yesterday evening. The coat is valued at \$100.

LEWIS BILL SCORED

BY C. & P. COUNSEL

J. L. Swayze Says Bell System

Has Agreement With At-

torney General.

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advancing with the Attorney General's office. It was stipulated in the agreement, however, that this would not apply to negotiations already in progress.

The agreement further states that the Bell Telephone Company will furnish connections to independent or competing lines which may desire the connections. We have done this to give the country universal telephone service."

Congressman Lloyd wanted to know why the attorney general had been asked to inquire whether or not it did not come within the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Attorney Swayze said the matters involved were local or intrastate rather than interstate.

Cites Buffalo Case.

Touching on what he termed "The Buffalo Case," Attorney Swayze said: "An independent company was competing with the Bell Company there. It was cutting the other's throat and neither was making any money. The independent company, known as the Federal Company, offered to sell its stock to the Bell Company. We agreed to make the purchase provided the attorney general would interpose no objection."

The telephone company's representative said he represented twenty telephone companies in the Eastern States, which had a combined capital of \$1,000,000 and 20,000 phones in the District and only 20,000 phones in the District. Do you know the percentage of white and colored homes this included?" asked Mr. Ragdale.

Is Not Embarrassed.

Asked by a member of the committee if he did not find himself embarrassed at times by representing twenty different companies, Attorney Swayze replied:

"No, sir. Not as long as they keep me on the salary list at the proper figure. That is my rule, the rule with all good lawyers and every other man who wants to succeed in life."

The question and answer occasioned laughter.

Congressman Ragdale questioned Attorney Swayze as to figures quoted by Congressman Lewis.

"In a speech on the floor of the House Mr. Lewis said there were between 20,000 and 30,000 homes in the District and only 20,000 phones in the District. Do you know the percentage of white and colored homes this included?" asked Mr. Ragdale.

Says Bethel Can Answer.

"I do not, but President Bethel, of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, will answer that," replied the attorney. "I do know this, however, that, although Mr. Lewis says there are only 20,000 phones in the District, there are actually 60,000 telephones in the District of Columbia. The figure, 20,000, does not include the number of phones in places other than homes. Even at that we are prepared to show that there are more than 20,000 telephones in homes in the District."

Attorney Swayze said that when he resumed his argument he would take up the District specifically and show the co-operation and development here.

WANT GYMNASIUM

25 Reasons Set Forth in McKinley Circular.

Among the twenty-five reasons why McKinley Manual Training School should have a gymnasium and an adequate assembly hall as set forth in a circular issued by the faculty, are:

The assembly hall will hold but a small proportion of the student body.

The ventilation is imperfect. It is practically impossible to present pupils at the school because of the limited facilities of the stage in the assembly hall.

There is no gymnasium. Other high schools have not only gymnasiums, but also suitable grounds for physical training.

McKinley has no physical training teacher for boys, because there is no room for classes. Ninety per cent of the pupils are said to get no gymnasium work.

The corridors and class rooms must be used for recreation purposes during inclement weather, when other schools use their gymnasiums.

Representatives of the school are to appear before the Senate hearings committee in an effort to have the item reinstated in the District bill that the House committee struck out.

MACVEAGH FUNERAL TODAY.

Funeral services for Wayne Mac-

## PRESIDENT WON'T BE AT ST. JOHN'S

Wilson Declines to Speak as  
Announced at Centennial  
Celebration.

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to explain. He was not anxious to discuss it at all. When first called on he was out, but his footman decided to take him a card notwithstanding, only to bring back the message that Dr. Jenkins could not possibly be bothered.

Not Public's Business.

Today he again was out, but finally did answer a telephone call in person. "Yes, this is Dr. Jenkins," he said. "Oh, the St. John's celebration? No; the President will not speak. No, he will not be present at all."

"Why?" was asked. "That is a matter that is not public business. It is entirely between the doctor and the vestry of St. John's and the President."

"You won't get any information as to that from me. Nor from any member of the vestry. It is not the public's business. It is entirely our affair. No use going to any one else. I have had charge of this whole celebration, and I am not going to authorize any explanation. If you will pardon my saying so, it is absolutely none of your business."

Dr. Jenkins quite agreed with those including members of the vestry—who in admitting the truth of the story, said, "Dr. Ralph Jenkins is the one who had charge of this whole affair. He arranged the program, invited the speakers, ran the whole affair himself. He is the man to speak with authority."

Considerable Feeling Caused.

Many parishioners, of course, and other members of the vestry seem glad to wash their hands of the "whole mess." They admit it has occasioned considerable acrimony.

At the White House today it was explained that a committee called on the President about six weeks ago to invite him to speak at the St. John's Centennial celebration. The White House officials had no information as to whether the President accepted the invitation or not.

All White House officials know, they said today, was that a few days ago the President informed the committee that it would be impossible for him to give an address at the centennial celebration.

White House Officials Silent.

White House officials would not discuss the reports that the President had based his declination on the fact that Senator Lodge was taking part in the centennial program. They had no information whatever concerning this.

Senator Lodge discredited today the report that the President had declined to speak because he was to be on the platform.

"I think it very unlikely," said Senator Lodge, "while I seldom speak outside when Congress is in session, I consented to do so at the instance of Dr. Smith, who is an old friend. So far as I am aware, the President has at no time accepted an invitation to speak."

KENTUCKIANS MEET.

The January meeting of the Kentucky State Society was held at the Ebbitt House last night. Congressman D. H. Kinchloe of Kentucky spoke on "Reminiscences of Kentucky." Other members of the State delegation participated in the program. R. E. Adams, president of the society, presided.

ESTATE TO CHILDREN.

George W. Stone, by his will, dated February 19, 1912, and offered for probate in the District Supreme Court today by Attorney Walter C. English, directs that his estate be distributed among his children. The testator names his daughter, Minnie Bromley, as executrix.

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